



KCA Preschool

February 1, 2009

Tu B'Shvat

Dear Parents,

The month of February brings with it many exciting adventures for us at KCA preschool. We start the month with learning about Tu B' Shevat. Tu B'Shvat is known as the Rosh Hashanah (New Year) of nature and trees. The children will learn that Tu B'Shvat is the birthday of the trees. We will explore different aspects of this holiday by discussing trees and nature and all it takes to make our world healthy and strong. Each classroom will learn about the holiday and expand on the different parts of it at their appropriate level—from our youngest children, who will learn songs and about trees, to our oldest ones who will delve into the idea of planting seeds for ourselves and what thoughts/seeds we want to plant in our own lives. We will come together as a school on Monday, February 9th to celebrate Tu B'Shvat . During this time, we are all working to plant the seeds within ourselves to allow our children and our school to flourish. Thank you for your continued support of our children!

With love,

Your KCA Preschool Staff



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Please Remember:

- ♦ Tu B'Shvat party on Monday, February 9th for the children
- ♦ No School Friday, February 13, 2009 due to Teacher In-Service
- ♦ No School Monday, February 16, 2009 in observance of President's Day

Class 1

For the month of January, we began with learning about winter. Each child made their own snowman to decorate our class. We focused on the color blue as well as the shapes triangle and circle. We discussed different things we can make when putting different shapes together. We worked with the children to cut out different shapes to make a house. In the month of February, we are learning about Tu B'Shvat as well as the theme of "All About Me." We will continue to review different shapes and colors with a focus on squares and rectangles. We will also focus on Nutrition and discuss the difference between Health food and Junk food. The month is full of much celebration we will have a Tu B'Shvat party on Monday, February 9th. There will be more information to come!

With love,

Shanaz, Monik and Angela



Class 2

January was filled with many exciting activities! We started with the theme "All About Me." Everyone enjoyed learning about each other and sharing about themselves. The finished ALL About Myself books turned out great, and we hope you all enjoy them! We finished January learning about Winter. We explored what happens in the winter, from the plants changing to what we have to wear to protect us from the cold. We sang different songs, and everyone enjoyed singing "Frosty the Snowman" and making their own snowman to take home. In English class, we ended January with the Letter J and are moving onto the letter K for February. For February, we are discussing the holiday Tu B'Shvat. We will discuss what role trees play in nature and in our lives—from providing shelter for animals to the oxygen we need to breathe. For this holiday, we will focus on the parts of nature that are awakening from their long winter's sleep. After Tu B'Shvat we will talk about Unconditional Love and have a Valentine's Day celebration with the children. At the end of February, we will start learning about Purim and preparing for our Purim Party on March 9th. This month is filled with many special activities. We continue to explore both the Hebrew alef bet and English alphabet, working one-on-one and as a group. We look forward to a fun-filled month!



With love and light,

Julia, Jacki and Sharon

Class 3

For the month of January, we explored Winter and the change in seasons. We transformed our classroom into our own Winter Wonderland complete with a giant snowman! Everyone enjoyed making their own penguins and snowflakes to decorate our room. As a class, we also discussed our new president and what his new job entails. We ended the month of January, learning about Tu B'Shvat and will continue to explore its meaning and prepare for our Tu B'Shvat party on February 9th. During this holiday, we will explore trees from the seed level—exploring what each seed needs to grow into a healthy strong tree. Through experiments in class, we will discover what kind of soil the seeds need to grow (dirt vs. sand), what happens if the seed grows in the sun or dark, and even what happens if the seed is given water or not given water. We will then go on to explore different kinds of dried fruit and the process involved to go from a piece of fruit to a dried piece of fruit. Our celebration of Tu B'Shvat will end with a party on February 9th! We continue working on both the Hebrew alef bet and English alphabet. We are starting to work one-on-one making our own anagrams, from cutting out the different shapes to matching where it goes to make a picture. We will also talk about Love and the idea of Unconditional Love as Valentine's Day approaches. February is the shortest month of the year, but it is packed full of special events and many opportunities for sharing and learning! We look forward to having an AMAZING Month!

With love,

Danna, Carol & Camie

